

TOWN BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 18, 2017

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located on the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

Councilman William Schirmer
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello
Councilman James Bruno

Absent: Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Bill Barr – speaking regarding Pilgrim Pipeline – it is becoming apparent that pipeline and barges are coordinating assault to turn the Hudson Valley into a major corridor to ship crude oil. Trade will increase significantly; obvious that they are all working toward same goal. What happens if there is a leak on the river waterways?

Sue Rosenberg – would like to urge the Town Board to join with 29 other municipals to take strong stance against the pipeline. Educational forum is being held in the City of Kingston in the near future. There has been more interest to fight the Pilgrim Pipeline. The pipeline needs to stop before it really gets started. Please pass a resolution to oppose the pipeline.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Deputy Supervisor James Bruno will be running the meeting tonight.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on January 4, 2017 and Public Hearing on International Building Codes dated January 4, 2017, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the bills as presented, carried.

General Fund

\$274,318.74

General Outside Village	16,484.11
Highway	88,486.10
Ambulance District	59,929.17
Lighting District	6,287.74
Barclay Heights Sewer	1,685.58
Glasco Sewer	2,269.86
Kings Highway Sewer	101.25
Malden Sewer	762.52
Glasco Water	3,985.69
Malden Water	1,139.52
Kings Highway Water	7.25
Bluestone Park Water	82.25

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Schirmer – Historic Preservation Commission cancelled their meeting. The next meeting will be January 30th at 5:00 p.m. and Water & Sewer will meet on January 23rd at 7:00 p.m. On the recent tax bills, Kings Highway had billing errors on sewer charge. New bills are being printed.

Councilwoman Thornton – TV23 is working on sales brochure to go out to local businesses.

Councilman Costello – Relay for Life will have their kick-off dinner next Saturday.

Chief Sinagra – received grant for \$99,000.00 for ballistic helmets and vests throughout the county. An active shooter call would put this gear in effect. Also, gave the year end report, which ended in the black again (surplus of \$10,000.00) with absorbing retro raise checks.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow court employee Rose Bach to carry over 7 vacation days from 2016 to 2017.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to approve the hiring of Donald Tucker as a part time police officer at a pay rate of \$21.00 per hour, effective January 24, 2017 and per the request of the Police Chief.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to approve the salary for 2017 of \$73,000.00 for the Assessor.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the salary for 2017 of \$68,964.00 for the Superintendent of Parks & Buildings.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the salary for 2017 of \$63,025.00 for the Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the salary of \$57,652.00 for the HUD Section 8 Program Supervisor.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, for a local law adopting International Building Code, International Existing Building Code, International Residential Code, International Property Maintenance Code, International Fire Code, International Plumbing Code, International Mechanical Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Energy Conservation Code and 2016 Supplement to the NYS Energy Conservation Construction Code.

Discussion: Councilman Schirmer added that this was mandated, we didn't have a choice.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to approve the 5th Annual Women's Woodstock Cycling Grand Prix Bike Race to be held on May 6, 2017, which will travel through Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to allow Building Department/Parks Department employee Kevin Brown to carry over one vacation day from 2016 to be used in 2017.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to rescind the motion from the January 4, 2017 Organizational Meeting appointing Donna Lorensen to the Ethics Committee.

Discussion: Councilman Schirmer added that there is a provision in the Ethics Law that we can not have more than two members on the committee enrolled in the same political party. There is now an opening on the Ethics Committee available if you are not enrolled in the Democratic party.

Vote: Adopted – 4 yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to approve Jason Brink as a part time employee in the Parks & Building Department at an hourly rate of \$12.00 per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Councilman Costello said that the full time staff has been reduced and filling it in with part time and outside services.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk